



# GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September 2, 2018 11:05am

Service of Worship  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community*

PRELUDE "Jesus Loves Me" William B. Bradbury  
Linda Dover, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Fred Holbrook  
*(Please sign and pass the Grace Greetings books at this time.)*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice in the Lord always!  
**All: Once more, we all say, "Rejoice!"**  
One: What?  
**All: Listen...we all say, "Rejoice!"**  
One: Okay, then. Let's proclaim it together.  
**All: Rejoice in the Lord always. Once more, we all say, "Rejoice!"**  
Let us worship God.

\*HYMN 804 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" MARION

## COME AS A CHILD

*(Worship bags are available for children who remain in the Sanctuary. Nursery-age children are welcome to be taken to our Nursery which is located in the Children's Wing. An usher can direct you.)*

Sing 188 "Jesus Loves Me!"  
*Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,  
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Merciful God,  
in your gracious presence  
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.  
Although Christ is among us as our peace,  
we are a people divided against ourselves  
as we cling to the values of a broken world.  
The profit and pleasures we pursue  
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.  
The fears and jealousies that we harbor  
set neighbor against neighbor  
and nation against nation.

We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,  
of intellect and reason,  
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us;  
heal and forgive us.  
Set us free to serve you in the world  
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: "Do not fear," says the Lord, "for I have redeemed you. I have called each of you by name."  
**All: God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you and everyone.  
**All: And also with you and all others!**  
*(Let us greet one another with expressions of Jesus' love.)*

\*HYMN 633 "Praise Ye the Lord" CLEVELAND

*Equipping People to Develop and Share a  
Faith That Works in Real Life*

SUNG PRAISE "O Come, Let Us Sing" by Cindy Berry  
Chancel Choir Psalm 95:1-2, adapted  
*O come, let us sing with joy to the Lord.  
Come bow down before him, kneel and adore him and  
praise him with music and song.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Nehemiah 8:9-14 Anne Stroud  
*(Old Testament, Page 437)*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 4:1, 4-9  
*(New Testament, Page 198)*

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.  
**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Gospel Partners: Rejoice! Rejoice!" Fred Holbrook

*Sending People to Serve in the World*

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC Linda Dover, organ

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Table  
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving  
The Lord's Prayer  
**...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**  
The Words of Institution  
The Sharing of the Bread and Cup  
*When passing the bread say: "The bread of life given for you."  
When passing the wine/juice say: "The cup of hope poured out for you."  
Responses may be: "Thanks be to God," "Amen," or "Alleluia." (Trays contain red wine and white grape juice. For a gluten-free option, notify an usher and an elder will bring them to you.)*  
Communion Music  
Prayer after Communion

\*HYMN 80 "You Shall Go Out with Joy" TREES OF THE FIELD

## \*CHARGE AND BEDICTION

POSTLUDE Linda Dover, organ

***\*If convenient/able, please stand.***

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